

FOREWORD

The Constitution of Texas included in this edition of the Texas Legislative Manual is an exact copy of the original of 1876 with amendments, including the adoption of November 6 and 13, 1956 and November 5, 1957. Proposed amendments to the Constitution, as submitted by the 56th Legislature, are shown beginning on page 155. Spelling, punctuation, et cetera, will be found exactly as in the original documents on file in the office of the Secretary of State. The section headings have been added for convenience, and do not appear in the originals. Several section numbers have been duplicated through error. Also, in some instances sections or subsections have been otherwise incorrectly numbered. Footnotes have been used in each case to call attention to the errors or to clarify the numbering.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution, to be voted upon on November 8, 1960, have been included for convenient reference.

Congressional precedents appearing herein were taken from *Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives* which gives precedents up to 1904, and from *Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives*, the most recently published supplement to Hinds'. The new work covers the period from 1904 to 1935. Wherever Congressional precedents appear in the Rules of either the House or the Senate they are followed by the reference, e.g. (H. P., V, 5760 or V, 5760) or (C. P., VIII, 3070). The first part of the reference is to Hinds' Precedents or to Cannon's Precedents, the second to the volume, and the last to the section.

The general arrangement of the annotations and precedents given in the Rules of the House is as follows: Following a particular rule, first appears any annotation found to be necessary or helpful. In some instances Texas legislative precedents appear in shortened form in the

annotations. All annotations are in brackets. It has been found convenient to show some Texas precedents in annotation form. After the annotation, if any, will be found, in smaller type, Texas legislative precedents deemed of importance. These have italicized headings. Following the Texas legislative precedents, if any, appear the Congressional precedents in point or closely related. Where necessary, annotations in brackets have been placed in the Congressional precedents to aid in their interpretation in the light of Texas legislative practice. In the Rules of the Senate certain sections are followed by editorial notes and notes of rulings.

The Rules of the House contained herein are those adopted to become effective just prior to the convening of the 57th Legislature in 1961. They have been completely revised—many rules changed in wording and annotations and precedents brought up to date—all of which with no substantive changes from rules, annotations, precedents, and practices followed throughout the 56th Legislature. They are printed in this manual by order of the House for convenient use by the 57th Legislature.

All of the indexes contained herein have been brought up to date in order to make this edition of the Texas Legislative Manual as useful as possible.

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